

"WILLIAM HUGHES FIRST"—HITCHCOCK

Reveals Plan for Alabama to Give Way to Whitman— "He'll Accept."

OTHER BOOMS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 29.—Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster-General in the Taft Cabinet, brought the Hughes boom to Chicago today with the flat declaration that the Supreme Court Justice will accept the Republican nomination if tendered, and supplemented this with the assertion that the Justice is more certain of victory than any man whose name has been mentioned in connection with the nomination.

Mr. Hitchcock then volunteered the information that the name of Justice Hughes will be the first to be placed before the convention. He said arrangements had been made for Alabama to give way to Whitman of New York, who will place the name of the Justice in nomination. Mr. Hitchcock said Mr. Hughes would receive 75 of the 87 delegates of his home State on the first ballot.

Judging rather by what Mr. Hitchcock did not say, it is altogether unlikely that he believes that the Justice will say anything prior to the convention which either will put him into the running or take him out of it.

Claims New England and West.

Virtually every politician who has come to Chicago within the last week has said, in speaking of Mr. Hitchcock's activities: "Frank has been in the South drumming up Hughes sentiment and delegates."

Today Mr. Hitchcock gave out the surprising information that he had not been south of Washington for months, and that while the press and the politicians of the country have had him in the South, he has been elsewhere, busy. He intimated that he had been in the West and in New England. He believes that the leading Republicans of the two sections are fully for Hughes, the West from the outset and New England to be in a little later, with several New England States with him from the start.

"I did not come to Chicago to open headquarters for Justice Hughes," said Mr. Hitchcock. "Let me make that clear. There will be no Hughes headquarters. Other friends of the Justice and myself regard him as the strongest man in the Republican party. We believe he is the man to reunite the party and bring victory in November."

"I have not seen or heard from Justice Hughes in months, but I know that he would stand on a platform that would be acceptable to all. I feel certain that the Justice would accept nomination. No man could refuse to be a candidate for President under the conditions that exist today."

"57 New York Delegates."

"Mr. Hughes will be the first candidate placed in nomination, as Alabama has agreed to give way to New York on the roll call. Somebody in New York thought Arizona was first and asked to them, but that gentleman's ambition has been revised and no harm was done. Justice Hughes is strong in New England and the West as well as in New York. He will have fifty-seven delegates from his home State on the first roll call. I won't say how many he has in all, but it will surprise several persons."

"Western Republicans have read the speeches Justice Hughes made before he went on the Supreme bench should remember that he stood then for the very things that he is now championing for now. All the people are for Justice Hughes and who followed his record as Governor of New York must know that a great man like him would be for America now and would do everything in his power to prepare the United States against danger."

"Of course it is unnecessary for any one to say as Justice Hughes has done that he is a Republican. He never was anything but a Republican. His writings and his speeches can be examined by anyone who is interested in our diplomatic relations with foreign nations."

Do Not Be Willing.

T. Coleman du Pont also arrived today with his boom, backed by six delegates from Delaware. In a statement issued through his secretary it was announced that the Delaware delegation would do "whatever is best for the Republican party." It concluded with "my position is to do all I can to get a candidate whom we can nominate, and who will be a good President when elected."

Indiana and Ohio likewise came with delegations. For Indiana some of the Chicagoan delegates are expected to be in the Congress Hotel are presided over by William H. Hays, the State chairman, and the Indiana boosters include Harry B. New, James H. Goodwin, George Lockwood, John P. Hays, Horace Stillwell, Richard Lieber, Fred J. Ose, Fred A. Sims and James A. Hemenway.

"Mr. Fairbanks is the only candidate who has a delegation which will stand solid with him on every ballot," said Mr. du Pont.

The first ballot will have more than 100 votes and Indiana's thirty will be with him to the finish, while other candidates' State delegations are splitting up.

In the Ohio delegation at the opening of the Burton headquarters were: Elmer Dwyer, A. L. Rodway, Herbert B. Fuller, Granville W. Mooney, William H. Miller, Carol Thompson, Fred C. Dunlap, Wade Ellis and Howard Mannington.

WOMAN'S PARTY FIGHT.

Mrs. Catt calls Bivitt Conference of National Suffragists.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Avoiced opposition to the formation of a Woman's party was seen today by officials of the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage in the sudden act of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt in calling an eleventh hour conference of the National Woman Suffrage Association.

The sessions of the Woman's party June 5, 6 and 7.

Mrs. Catt, who is president of the national association, will arrive in Chicago tomorrow to take personal charge of plans for the conference, which will be attended by delegates from every organization affiliated with the association. Her arrival will precede that of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, leader of the Congressional force, by only a few days.

Observers of the suffrage situation here believe that the contest will be a close one. On the outcome, they say, depends the success or failure of the Woman's party.

TANNER SAYS NEW YORK WILL SUPPORT HUGHES

State Chairman Asserts Majority of Delegation Favors Nomination of Justice—Colonel's Backers Confident of Success, but Keep on Working.

Frederick C. Tanner, chairman of the Republican State committee and a delegate at large to the Chicago convention, said yesterday that a majority of the delegates from this State favor the nomination of Justice Hughes for the Presidency. Although Mr. Tanner has been one of the most ardent Hughes men in the State, this is his first formal announcement of how he thinks the New York delegation stands.

Mr. Tanner asserts that the sentiment here in favor of Justice Hughes extends to those who left the party in 1912. His statement was put forth after numerous conferences with Republican leaders and was issued to check a growing feeling among the rank and file of Republican voters that the Roosevelt propaganda had assailed the very foundations of the Hughes sentiment.

"A canvass of the New York delegation, just completed," said Mr. Tanner, "shows a clear majority for Justice Hughes. This is notwithstanding the high regard for Senator Root's ability and experience and is in spite of Justice Hughes' refusal to take a part in the contest. The people want Hughes and the office is seeking the man."

"I have talked with political leaders from every part of the State. The sentiment is to nominate a candidate who will be certain of election and whose candidacy will reflect the belief and determination of Republicans, including those who left the party in 1912. The man who will certainly do this is Justice Hughes. No one who knows him doubts for a moment his stalwart Americanism or his real Republicanism."

Must Compose Differences.

As evidence of the impression which the Roosevelt campaign has made, it was declared by Republican leaders yesterday that Justice Hughes is growing stronger every day. The explanation for this lies in the fact that Col. Roosevelt's injection into the already mixed up situation has constituted the adherents of the several candidates that their only hope of preventing the nomination from going to some one not a member of the party, is to compose their differences and get together on their strongest man.

The understanding here is that not one of the favorite candidates would be left by delegates if by letting them go he could help to prevent the nomination from going to Col. Roosevelt. In the circumstances, there is a general feeling that Justice Hughes is the man who stands the best chance of keeping the Colonel away from that nomination.

In earnest of the desires of the favorite to suppress their own aspirations rather than have the Colonel come in on a duke, it was pointed out yesterday that within the last week representatives of the favorite sons have discussed candidates for the Vice-Presidency with leaders here. It

"NEUTRAL PRESIDENT" IS CALL OF "MILLIONS"

Representatives from 26 States Issue an Appeal in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Representatives of business, social and quasi-political organizations, churches and the German American press association spoke yesterday to the Republican and Democratic parties through resolutions adopted at a conference in the Kaiserhof Hotel.

A special resolution, which the parties will nominate for the Presidency a man who will enforce strict neutrality, a foreign policy of firmness and justice and who will oppose no assistance to any belligerent nation or an "invertebrate antipathy" to another.

Twenty-six States and territories had representatives present. Many organizations with members of American and German ancestry were either represented or pledged sympathetic support. The resolutions read:

"We, the authorized representatives of millions of voters in the United States, in conference assembled, resolve that:

"We demand a neutrality in strict accordance with the advice contained in George Washington's address to the American people.

"We urge a foreign policy which protects American lives and American interests with equal firmness and justice.

"We condemn every official act and policy which demonstrates attachment for one belligerent nation or invertebrate antipathy for another.

"We deplore those utterances, voiced by officials, ex-officials and others, designed to create or tending to create a division along racial lines among our people.

"We hope that no party will nominate for the Presidency a candidate whose views tend to establish such division.

"We trust that the Republican convention will take all the elements in the party upon a candidate whose views are in harmony with those hereinbefore expressed.

"We trust that the Democratic convention will nominate for the Presidency one who subscribes to the views expressed hereinbefore.

"We assert that a candidate for the Presidency who is not in accord with the views expressed hereinbefore is unworthy of the support of a free and independent electorate."

FAVOR APPORTIONMENT PLAN.

Aldermen ignore Protests of Two Brooklyn Colleagues.

The Board of Aldermen in special meeting yesterday adopted the report of the committee appointed a week ago to report on the proposed new election law.

The board held its regular meeting after the special meeting, Aldermen Charles H. Hubbard of Brooklyn presiding.

Tried to Kill Austrian Minister.

BERLIN, via London, May 29.—A dispatch to the Overseas News Agency says an unsuccessful attempt has been made to assassinate the Austro-Hungarian minister in London.

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6000 CHEER T. R. IN CHICAGO STORM

Crowd Makes Station Ring With Shouts of "We Want Teddy!"

RAPS PACIFISTS AGAIN

CHICAGO, May 29.—Col. Roosevelt spent four full hours in Chicago this evening between trains for Kansas City, where he will make the Memorial Day address tomorrow. When his train pulled out at 8 o'clock he said he was more firmly convinced than ever that the demonstration in Chicago was to the real issues of the day. He smiled the regulation Roosevelt smile when he was asked if he was pleased with his reception.

"Great! Great!" was his only comment. The Colonel had hardly stepped from the train that brought him from New York when a crowd of more than 6,000 persons who had braved a rainstorm to go to the La Salle street station to give him a welcome began to greet him.

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STRAIGHT AMERICAN VOTE ONLY FOR T. R.

Colonel Declares That He Would Repudiate Support Given in Alien Bias.

SUCH AID IS "IMMORAL"

CHICAGO, May 29.—Col. Roosevelt wants only the vote of those who will vote for him as "Straight American." In a letter to Dr. Frederick H. Bates of Elmhurst, Ill., the Colonel declares that he "would repudiate any one's support who would vote for me as a German American," or as anything else not straight American.

Such support, he said, he regarded as "profoundly immoral and profoundly un-American."

Writing to the Colonel because German or German American neighbors had told him that as the Colonel had had no vote for him, they would vote for him as a German American, he said that he would repudiate any one's support who would vote for me as a German American, or as anything else not straight American.

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